

NYSERDA'S 2015 DEER HUNTING APPLICATION PACKET

Scouting Dates: Saturday, September 19 & 26; Wednesday, September 23, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day

Check-in/out at the **NYSERDA Hunting Station**, Rock Springs Road, approximately ½ mile south of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

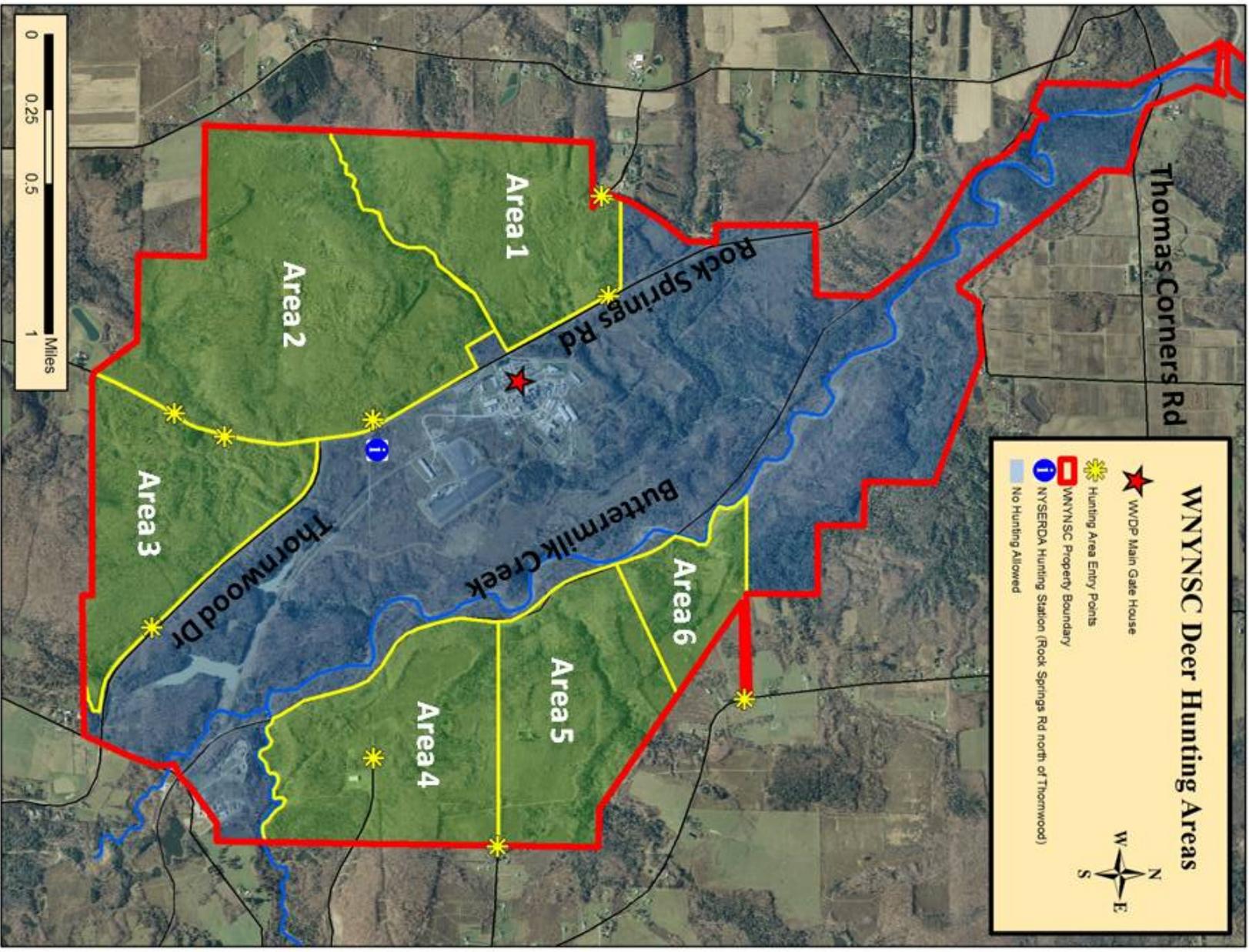
Archery Season: October 1 through November 20

Preapproval required! Only hunters issued a valid 2015 NYSERDA wallet ID card allowed. Approved archery hunters may hunt any day of the season on a first-come, first-served basis. Licensed Junior bowhunters (12-15 years old) allowed with a parent or guardian. Check-in/out at the WVDP Gatehouse.

Regular Season: November 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (½ day) and 27

Preregister and sign-up to reserve one designated day. Walk-ins allowed on a first-come, first-served basis where openings exist. Licensed Junior hunters (14-17 years old) allowed with parent or guardian. Check-in/out at the **NYSERDA Hunting Station**.

NOTE: Changes to the 2015 NYSERDA Deer Hunting Program include a small reduction in the available areas open for hunting. Areas 1, 2, and 6 are reduced in size, and no hunting will be permitted in Area 7 for the 2015 NYSERDA Deer Hunting Program (see revised map attached).



Approximately 1700 acres of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC) is open to the public for deer hunting.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?



Anyone 12 and over with a valid 2015-2016 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Deer Hunting license and/or permit.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the application form on the last page of this packet. Additional copies can be obtained at NYSEKDA's Ashford Office Complex, 9030-B Route 219, the main gate of the WVDP, or downloaded from NYSEKDA's website at www.nyserda.ny.gov/deer-hunting. Or you can call 942-9960 ext. 4990 and have an application(s) mailed to you.

Mail completed application forms to:

NYSEKDA
9030-B Route 219
West Valley, NY 14171
Attn: Alita Dueringer



OR

deposit it in NYSEKDA's Drop Box.

Illegible or incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned.

HUNTING AREAS:

Six areas accommodate up to 10 hunters for a total of 60 hunters each day.

Archery hunters must sign the back of their issued NYSEKDA wallet ID card, which they will receive by mail. This card allows hunting any day of the season on a first-come, first-served basis. Daily check-in/out at the WVDP Gatehouse is required.

For the Regular season, hunters may choose one day and area in which to hunt. You'll be contacted by telephone only if both your first and second choices are unavailable. Daily check-in/out @ the NYSEKDA Hunting Station is required. Hunters will receive an individualized wallet ID card.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A DAY & AREA DURING REGULAR SEASON?

You will be contacted only if your first and second choices are unavailable. Your assigned day/area will be provided on the back of the envelope mailed to you. Also, starting November 16, hunting assignments for the Regular season will be posted outside NYSEKDA's offices, 9030-B Route 219, West Valley.

CAN I INQUIRE ABOUT OPENINGS FOR DEER HUNTING AT THE CENTER?

Yes. Call the Deer Hunting Information Line @ (716) 942-9960, ext. 4990 to listen to the recorded message, or leave a message and someone will return your call.

HOW OFTEN MAY I HUNT?

As often as you wish on days the Center is open, provided there are openings, you have an unfilled carcass tag(s) and you have not violated any program or safety rules.



CAN I WALK IN AND HUNT ANY DAY THE CENTER IS OPEN?

During both seasons, hunters with a valid 2015 NYSEKDA wallet ID card may hunt any day where availabilities exist. Also, in Regular season, if you do not arrive by 10 a.m., your "spot" will be made available to walk-ins on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters can inquire at the NYSEKDA Hunting station about additional openings.

NYSEKDA HUNTING STATION

Located approximately 1/2 mile south of the WVDP on Rock Springs Road. Telephone number during Regular season only: **(716) 846-5511**.

Radioactive analysis of deer meat is available upon request. 24-hr notice prior to hunting is required.

NYSEKDA's Tree Stand Policy



Hunters who wish to place one portable tree stand on NYSEKDA lands during the 2015 season may request to do so (see check box on application form). NYSEKDA will issue each hunter an identification tag that must be affixed to the tree stand prior to installation. All tree stands must be removed by the end of NYSEKDA's hunting season and the tag must be returned to NYSEKDA. Failure to remove any stands (current season or previous) may result in forfeiture of the property as well as forfeiture of the privilege to place a tree stand on NYSEKDA's land the following season. Any stands remaining on NYSEKDA lands after December 1, 2015, will become the property of New York State.

Safety Rules:

You must:

- ① Use NYS legal firearms for this region as designated by NYSDEC, **EXCEPT NO RIFLES, PISTOLS or CROSSBOWS.**
- ① Abide by 2015-16 NYSDEC hunting regulations (with the noted exceptions).
- ① Wear a **blaze orange jacket** or a **blaze orange vest and hat** during Regular season.
- ① Clean your animal in the field. Leave entrails covered but not in buildings, on roads, or near mowed or developed areas.
- ① Hunt only during NYS legal hunting hours (sunrise to sunset) and only in designated areas (see attached map).
- ① Discharge your firearm at least **500 feet** away from any dwelling, farm building or structure; **150 feet for bows.** The load or arrow/bolt must not pass over any part of a public highway. Shooting from a public road is prohibited.
- ① Tracking deer on private property requires the landowner's permission. **Tracking deer on Center lands west of Buttermilk Creek to Rock Springs Road and Thornwood Drive (blue area on the map) is prohibited.**
- ① ***All hunters must return within one hour after sunset. If you do not, Security will check for your parked vehicle at the entry point, and if your vehicle is still at one of the entry points, Security will initiate emergency response actions.***



Program Rules:

You must:

- Complete the attached application form and sign the release at the bottom of the form. Junior bow hunters 12-15 and junior gun hunters 14-15 years old must be in possession of a valid DEC 2015-16 Junior License, and have a **parent or guardian accompany them while hunting and sign a release form on their behalf.**
- Check-in at the WVDP Main Gatehouse (Archery season) & the NYSERDA Hunting Station (Scouting & Regular season) **begins one hour before sunrise. Check-out ends one hour after sunset.**
- While hunting, display your NYSERDA entry point tag on the rearview mirror of your parked vehicle. Pull your vehicle off the road as far as possible. **Failure to return your entry tag will result in Security contacting you to ensure your safe return out of the woods. Entry tags not returned may result in suspension from the program.**
- Each hunter must park and enter Center lands at their designated entry point, and hunt within walking distance of that entry point.
- Be courteous and respect our site neighbors. Take trash home with you or use the waste receptacles provided at each entry point. **DO NOT LITTER!!**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO HUNTING ON CENTER LANDS** west of Buttermilk Creek to Rock Springs Road and Thornwood Drive (**blue area on attached map**).
- **ABSOLUTELY NO ATV OR MOTORIZED VEHICLES** for any usage on Center lands.
- Violation of any program, administrative or safety rule will result in **YOUR SUSPENSION FROM THE PROGRAM.**
- If you are discovered littering, you may be subject to New York State littering fines. If you are discovered trespassing on private property or in nonhunting areas of the Center, you will be **SUSPENDED FROM THE PROGRAM** and may face trespassing charges by the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department. If you are not registered in the Program and are discovered on any portion of the Center without prior check-in, **YOU WILL FACE TRESPASSING CHARGES.**
- Violation of NYSDEC hunting regulations may result in disciplinary action by the NYSDEC.

10 Commandments of Firearm Safety

- **Watch that muzzle!** Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
- **Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.** It might be loaded, even if you think it isn't.
- **Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and beyond it.** Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop—don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
- **Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot,** which will prevent an accidental discharge.
- **Check the barrel and ammunition.** Make sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions. Carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.
- **Unload firearms when not in use.** Carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.
- **Point a firearm only at something you intend to shoot.** Avoid all horseplay.
- **Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm.** Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch.
- **Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.** Store each in secured location beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
- **Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting.** Avoid mind- or behavior-altering medicines or drugs. **Anyone discovered under the influence will be permanently removed from the program.**



NYSERDA 2015 DEER HUNTING PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
ILLEGIBLE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Hunter #:
 (office use only)

Name: _____ Street, City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone #/Cell #: _____ In case of emergency, contact name & phone # (if different): _____

NYSDEC License#: _____ NYSDEC Regular Season Doc.# _____ NYSDEC Bow Season # _____

Make of the Vehicle Driving/Riding In: _____ Model/Year: _____ Color: _____ Plate# _____ Driver's License# _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Bow hunting only: ___; Gun hunting only: ___; Bow and gun hunting: ___

Check here if you are a Junior Hunter: _____. Check here to request a **JUNIOR-LICENSED HUNTER RELEASE FORM:** _____

If you wish to place a portable tree stand on NYSERDA Property during hunting season, check here to request an identification : **TREE STAND ID REQUEST:** _____.

Preapproval for the Archery season (10/1 – 11/20) is required. You will be issued a NYSERDA wallet ID card, which may be used any day of the season. Archery hunting assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 10 hunters per area, for a total of 60 hunters daily.

To hunt in Regular season, complete the box below. You will only receive a phone call if your first and second choices are not available. Your approved day/area will be posted on the back of the envelope provided to you by mail. To ensure getting a day & area of your preference, be sure to indentify a first and second choice below. Regular season dates: November 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (1/2 day) and 27. Hunting assignments can be prescheduled during the Regular season.

**NO RIFLES,
 PISTOLS OR
 CROSSBOWS
 ALLOWED!!**

Preferred Day/Area in Regular Season Only! (Indicate your preferred Day(s)/Area(s) to hunt below)	
1st choice: Day: _____ Area: _____ Select one day (11/21-11/27) and area (1-6)	2nd choice: Day: _____ Area: _____ Select one day (11/21-11/27) and area (1-6)



YOU MUST SIGN THIS FORM (WITH INK) ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING: In consideration for permission to enter onto the lands of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (Center) for the purpose of deer hunting, I hereby release the state of New York and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and its successors and assigns and officers and employees, from any and all claims, including injuries to person or property, that may occur as a result of or in the course of that activity.

I understand that there are potential and inherent risks from physical conditions of the property involved, including, but not limited to, fallen trees, holes, deteriorated structures or barbed wire or other fencing, and natural and unnatural debris. To obtain permission to enter onto those lands, I have represented that I am aware of and assume the risks associated with the property of the Center surrounding the premises of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

I have also read the safety rules, program rules and the 10 Commandments of gun safety, and will comply with these rules as a participant of NYSERDA's Deer Hunting Program.

WITNESSED BY: (to by signed by person other than self, prior to submission)

 Signature

 Date

 Signature

 Date